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Slocombe's Dahlias

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The Silver Cup of The Garden Club of Hartford, Connecticut, offered for the best collection of seedling dahlias, having been won for the second time by Miss Emily Slocombe was permanently awarded to her last season (1926).

SLOCOMBE DAHLIA GARDENS

555 TOWNSEND AVENUE

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT



"EDITH SLOCOMBE"

Slocombe's Famous Dahlias

For 1927



Our Dahlias have been Prize Winners for thirty-five years and they need no introduction or advertising.

Our gold, silver and bronze medals, silver cups and vases, speak triumphantly of prizes won in several states at the leading shows.

Not only do we win with *our creations*, but many of our customers are also winning prizes everywhere. Our name has stood and still stands for distinction and quality.

Our Dahlia Ratings can be found in Prof. J. B. S. Norton's book for 1926, and also from Storrs College, Storrs, Conn., where they have received many certificates.

☞ In the event that we are sold out of certain varieties, we will substitute to our best judgment, **unless ordered not to do so.**

ORDER EARLY. By ordering early we can reserve your stock and ship when wanted. By so doing you will avoid the disappointment of not getting what you want. Give second choice.

WE START SHIPPING around April 15th, and orders are filled in rotation. We replace tubers cheerfully.

CASH WITH ORDERS, or in advance of shipment. If you do not find the varieties you want in this catalogue write us. We have many of which stock is too limited to catalogue. **All Orders** to receive attention must be accompanied by the amount necessary to pay for the same.

REMITTANCES should be made by post-office money order or check.

FORWARDING. All bulbs are sent Parcel Post unless otherwise stated. We do not guarantee safe delivery of any shipment, but, if you wish shipment insured we will insure it at your expense at the following rates; Value up to \$6.00, 3c; value up to \$25.00, 5c. value up to \$50.00, 10c. value up to \$100.00, 25c.

GUARANTEE. We send out divided field-grown roots, every one guaranteed true to name and to arrive in good growing condition.

ATTENTION — Orders taken in the Fall not fully paid for will be sent C. O. D., unless previous arrangement has been made.

PRICES. This list cancels all previous prices.

WRITE your name and address **plainly.**

MAKE CHECKS payable to E. Slocombe.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It is with pleasure we send to Dahlia Lovers our list of Novelties and Varieties of our own raising and the cream of other growers, all of which have been tested out and have come up to the requirements of our ideal of a Dahlia.

Having discarded hundreds of Dahlias and retained only the best of the older varieties, we would like to call attention to the more choice varieties which we have every confidence in offering our customers. We wish to thank all our patrons for their past favors and many flattering letters of appreciation regarding our new creations.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Dahlia lovers to visit our gardens during the blooming season, especially during the latter part of September and early October. Our Dahlia Gardens are located on Townsend Avenue, opposite Fort Hale Road. Visitors wishing to come by the electric cars, should take a Lighthouse Car and get off at Fort Hale Road, and walk one block east; those coming by automobile should take the Townsend Avenue road leading to Morris Cove. A cordial welcome awaits you.



"CURFEW"

Photograph by Mrs. E. H. Kitson, Springfield, Mass.

NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1927

"Belle Slocombe". A beautiful rich velvet maroon, decorative. The flowers face the horizon with upward grace. The blooms are held erect, several inches above the first set of leaves. The blooms keep well when cut and it never has green centers, the petals do not shower off and it does not sunburn easily. It is very prolific on the best of stems. The height of the plant is about five feet. It is a good tuber multiplier. A good bloomer and prize winner. Tubers \$5.00

"Curfew". A lovely deep yellow decorative with full high centers, with large blooms. It is a free bloomer. It grows about five feet in height and makes good tubers. The blossoms never come open or with green centers. The petals do not shower off or sunburn. The flowers face the horizon. Tubers \$2.00



This description given in the "Garden and Home Builder"
"Golden Heart" (Slocombe). Our impression of this aptly named flower can be expressed in one word "beauty," and is we think, the most beautiful variety that has yet come from the Slocombe Gardens. A curly petaled decorative, the outer petals tinted with salmon-pink and gradually shading to a clear golden center." The flowers are excellent keepers when cut. The massive blooms do not sun-burn or petals shower off. It is a very free bloomer. It grows about five feet high. The blooms do not come with hard or green centers. Above the leaves, the flowers are held, cane stiffly erect and boldly face the horizon. The blooms average 8 to 10 inches without forcing or disbudding. We cannot think of any Dahlia that resembles it in either form or color. Tubers \$10.00

"Indian Summer". Grenadine red, gradually blending into bitter-sweet orange and outline of petals nearly picric yellow. Flowering habit good. Stem, 6 - 10 inches, medium in size, stiff, erect, flower facing up, a good stem. Size of flowers 5 to 10 inches. Imagine a gorgeous autumn sunset, with a golden sheen and you will have Indian Summer. Tubers \$5.00

Man of War. Here is a sturdy, vigorous grower, of a beautiful shade of red. The stem is absolutely perfect, long and stiff and holds the blossoms erect. The blossoms are regularly and perfectly formed and produced with great freedom. A specially fine cut flower for all purposes. It holds its full center to the last \$2.00

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

- Alex Waldie.** The flowers are large, held above the foliage on fine stems and the coloring is creamy overlaid with delicate salmon-pink. Tubers \$1.00
- Amanda M. Houghton.** Exceptionally large full orchid flowers of perfect form, the center petals fading almost to a pure white, are prettily tipped and suffused with lavender, the flowers carried on long stiff stems, ideal for exhibition and cut flowers
Tubers \$5.00
- Beatrice Slocombe.** A finely built flower, very free- flowering which makes this an ideal garden variety, the ground color is a warm shade of red edged with old gold. A unique and attractive color combination, very fine. Awarded a Certificate of Merit and Prize Winner \$2.00
- Belle Slocombe.** See New Dahlias, (Page Four).
- Bonnie Brae (Broomall).** Cream, shaded blush-pink. The flowers are immense in size, but apt to be too heavy for the stem.
Very free bloomer \$1.00
- Canteen (Vincent).** Salmon shading cinnamon \$.50
- Charity Slocombe.** This is unquestionably the finest white decorative Dahlia of its type. Seldom, if ever, showing an open center. Beautiful glistening pure white flowers freely produced and carried on long stiff stems measuring nine and more inches across. Not at all coarse, the petals beautifully formed giving the flower a very refined appearance. (Recommended in Mrs. Stout's book and N. Y. Botanical Journal \$5.00
- Chieftan.** Crimson maroon striped pink. A good fancy Dahlia, free blooming, flowers held erect on good stems \$.75
- Copper King (Marean).** Flower is composed of tubular petals of copper and yellow with light red reverse, making an odd and attractive combination. Erect strong stems. Stock limited.
Tubers \$5.00
- Curfew.** A good yellow. See New Dahlias, (Page Four)
- Dakota (Marean).** A good exhibition variety. Color a deep tone of rich coral-red with coppery suffusion. This strong growing variety is very satisfactory \$.50

SLOCOMBE'S DAHLIAS

- Dr. Frank H. Whittemore.** Large globular flowers of a beautiful soft pink carried on long stiff stems, very freely flowering and a good grower \$1.00
- Dr. Tevis (Pelicano).** A magnificent blossom of a blend of copper old rose and old gold. Immense flowers with the best of stems \$1.00
- Elizabeth Slocombe.** Nice large flowers, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage, a vigorous grower; the flowers of splendid form are of a rich purplish-garnet on opening, but fade to an exquisite garnet when they mature. An ideal variety for exhibition and cut flower \$.50
- El Dorado (Boston).** A low growing bush with immense golden blooms. Free blooming. Tubers (originator's price) \$5.00
- Faith Slocombe.** Fine large flower, of a most exquisite shade of old gold overlaid with bronze and delicately tinted with red and gold; an unusually attractive variety, very free blooming \$1.00
- Glory of New Haven.** Large flower with beautiful broad petals makes this variety unusually attractive, exceptionally free. The flowers, a clear lavender pink, distinctly veined deeper lavender, produced on long stiff stems, an ideal cut flower and exhibition variety \$2.00
- Golden Heart.** See New Dahlias, (Page Four).
- Indian Summer.** See New Dahlias, (Page Four).
- Jersey's Beauty.** Erosine pink. Very fine. Tubers \$2.00
- Jersey's Pride (Waite).** An enormous yellow amber and pink. Flower on very long stems. A lovely combination \$1.00
- Jean Chazot or Gay Paree.** This has been well described as "an autumn tinted dahlia." The color is a golden bronze, heightened by a suffusion of nasturium red. \$1.00
- Little Jewel (Papendricht).** In reality a miniature decorative. Popular for exhibition as well as a cut flower. Grows about two inches. Color, a pleasing peach blossom pink. \$1.00
- Lucifer.** An intense velvety red shading to a lighter red on the outside petals, the flowers are of large size, on good stiff stems, and produced freely \$1.00

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- Maid of the Mist.** In color, a lovely deep cream shading to a beautiful salmon pink on the outer petals which roll back to a depth of four inches, prettily pointed and twisted. Flowers frequently grow from 9 to 10 inches. Tubers \$1.00
- Mrs. John T. Scheepers.** A strong, vigorous grower and abundant bloomer. Upon opening, the flowers are of a clear golden primrose which gradually changes to a beautiful delicate shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals \$.50
- Mr. Dresselhuus.** Tone pink, medium sized flowers. Very free, fine for cutting. \$.50
- Mildred Slocombe.** The pink decorative par excellence, either for garden exhibition or cut flowers. An exquisite shade of mauve pink with a beautiful silvery sheen, the flowers freely produced and carried on long stiff stems. Best pink Dahlia to date, perfect in form, prize winner \$2.00
- Mrs. Ide ver Warner (Marean).** A refined deep mauve pink, beautifully formed, on erect stems. Prolific bloomer. Tubers \$1.00
- Mrs. Nathaniel Slocombe.** Deep yellow, a tall grower and very prolific. Especially recommended in Mrs. Stout's book and the N. Y. Botanical Journal by Dr. M. A. Howe. (Winner of the \$25.00 Beaten Silver Cup Trophy of Knight & Struck Co., N. Y.) Tubers \$1.00
- Mrs. John L. Emerson.** Well formed flowers, the ground color a warm shade of red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold, an effective and rich combination of color, very free, an ideal Dahlia for garden decoration \$1.50
- Mrs. Wm. J. Rowe.** Very large, but graceful flower, a beautiful amber shading to clear yellow in the center, very free, a most useful variety for garden or exhibition \$2.00
- Mrs. Carl Salbach (Salbach).** An immense bloom of a lovely mauve, shading lighter to the center, and every petal outlined in deep mauve. The stems are extra long and strong \$.75
- Purity.** One of our oldest and best pure white cut flowers, with good stems. We grow it exclusively for the cut flower trade \$.50
- Rev. Roy M. Houghton.** Salmon pink. Stock limited \$5.00
- Robert Treat (Mueller).** A brilliant American Beauty, rose shade, stiff upright stems. A prize winner. Tubers \$2.50

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- Slocombe's Red.** An ideal variety of a most intense velvety red, fine large full flowers, freely produced and carried on erect stems. Plants \$2.00
- The Monarch.** This incomparable white Dahlia is large and snow white. The immense blooms with its petals deep and full, are held high above the foliage. The petals are broad and glistening white. The outer petals roll back to a depth of four inches, beautifully pointed and curled. It stands majestically aloft and commands attention and admiration. Won 1920 certificate for most meritorious seedling and was greatly admired in Boston and New York. It has splendid keeping qualities. Tubers \$1.00
- The Mermaid.** A pleasing, well formed flower, of soft shades of yellow, with outer petals of a lovely cinnamon pink. It is a well built decorative. Stem is excellent. A good cut flower. Tubers \$.50
- Valley Forge (Greinberg).** Fuschia garnet, large flowers on stiff stems \$2.00
- Venus (Marean).** White with lavender suffusion. A good cut flower. \$1.00
- Winfield Slocombe.** A beautiful old gold, shading to burnt orange, giving the entire flower a unique and handsome color, very alluring under artificial light for decoration. Perfect in form, color, stem and foliage. Produces an abundance of blooms early and late. Capturing 1st prizes six years in succession for "Best Vases of 12 and 18 Decoratives" and "Best Vases of 12 and 18 of Any Other Color." Awarded Certificate of Merit at Trial Grounds, Storrs, Conn. (1921) \$3.00
- Wm. Slocombe.** A fine large flower, well formed, of a beautiful shade of canary yellow, shading to deep yellow towards the center. An exceptionally fine flower, carried on long stiff stems, well above the foliage. A general favorite and prize winner since a seedling. Flowers measure 10 inches, and do not droop. Easily grown and a prolific bloomer. Awarded Certificate of Merit at Storrs College Trial Gardens \$1.00

"HYBRID CACTUS" DAHLIAS

- Alan Slocombe.** Clear, lemon yellow. The flowers resemble chrysanthemums and are very beautiful indeed. The clear color, pointed petals and perfect type, with vigorous stems, blossoms with great freedom and makes it a joy to grow. Tubers \$3.00
- Ambassador (Broomall).** This beautiful dahlia which has always been a prize winner was awarded the prize for being the best Dahlia in the show of the Dahlia Society of California, 1925. The color is a soft yellow center with salmon, amber and pink shadings, gradually deepening towards the tips and outer floral rays. Has won prizes for the largest in the show. Sold for \$50.00 per bulb when introduced. Bulb \$2.00
- Brides' Bouquet.** Pure glistening white flowers of medium size borne freely on fine stems. Splendid for cutting \$1.00
- Cigarette (Boston).** Color, creamy white, heavily edged orange, but no two flowers are exactly alike. The petals are long and narrow and inclined to roll. Flowers are large and of good substance. Good stems. Tubers \$1.50
- Dorothy Durnbaugh.** A most attractive shade of deep rich pink, flowers are immense in size; of fine form and habit, with strong stems that hold up well; one of the best cactus dahlias in cultivation, fine for cutting. Strong field grown tubers \$1.00
- Edith Slocombe.** A true hybrid Cactus, finely formed flowers carried on long wiry stems, of a wonderful shade of rich fuschia-garnet, velvet shadings, a most striking flower, the twisted and curled petals showing the beautiful combination of colors make this an unusually attractive variety. This Dahlia, when exhibited at the New York and Boston shows, was greatly admired and very highly praised and won many prizes. (See illustration on inside of front cover. Tubers \$2.00
- Elsie Bonnell.** Fine deep maroon. Heavy petals of a velvety texture. Flowers five to six inches, produced with unusual freedom on perfect stems, carrying the flowers well above the foliage, will keep for days when cut. Tubers \$.75
- Emma Marie (Dahliadel 1924).** Clear pink with a creamy white center. Robust grower, producing deep full centered blooms. Tubers \$3.00
- Jean Chazot or Gay Parea (Cayeux).** Golden bronze with suffusion of nasturtium red. Good bloomer, good stem. Tubers \$1.00
- Kalif (Engelhardt).** An old favorite, which is still good, a brilliant scarlet, strong stems, perfect formation. Tubers \$.75

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- King Solomon (Andrews).** A beautiful orange-buff with an iridescent sheen on the twirled and twisted petals. Tubers \$5.00
- Lorna Slocombe.** An immense hybrid cactus variety, of an unusual shade of vermilion beautifully blended with flame and apricot shadings, very distinct and free flowering. The formation as well as the color is unique. Its brilliant flame color illuminates the whole garden. One of the best and sure to please. Flowers ten to twelve inches. Reserved for stock.
- Mrs. Edna Spencer.** A novelty of delicate and exquisite shade of lavender, or orchid pink. A lasting cut flower of unusual color and very beautiful under artificial light \$1.00
- Mrs. Warner.** White shaded lavender \$1.00
- Rosa Bonheur.** A graceful combinatoin of dainty form and clear color. Ivory white center, shading to a beautiful shell pink. Free blooming and splendid stem. The outer petals prettily twisted and curled, gives a graceful appearance. Good in color, form, texture and stem. Prize winner always. This is the only American Dahlia that ever received an award from the French Horticultural Society \$2.00
- Nellie Slocombe (Cactus).** Pale Persian lilac-pink, a beautiful cut flower produced in great profusion, very much in demand for making up \$1.00

PAEONY DAHLIAS

- Annie Slocombe (Paeony).** A pleasing combination of soft amber yellow overcast with bronze, the back of the petals distinctly marked red, which makes this variety unusually attractive, very free flowering and a strong grower \$2.00
- Susan Coe.** A splendid flower of perfect form, large size, carried on long stiff wiry stems, a pleasing shade of rose pink, passing to a yellow center \$2.00

"HYBRID SHOW" DAHLIAS

- Arthur Kelsey.** A very fine flower, purplish crimson, good form. Rated 88 points at Storrs College \$1.00
- Mrs. C. D. Anderson.** This might be called an improved Cuban Giant. It is rich purplish crimson and bears large flowers freely on the best of stems \$.50
- Supt. Amrhyn (Hybrid Show).** Deep pink, excellent stem. Won first prize in all shows for "Best Vase of 12 and 18 blooms." Robust grower, strong generous tubers. Won Silver cup in New York for best keeper \$2.00

DAHLIA SEED

We are sold out of Dahlia Seed for 1927

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SPECIAL VALUE

1 doz. assorted Dahlias, including singles	\$2.00
1 doz. mixed through handling	3.50
1 doz. named varieties, our selection	5.00
JERSEYS PRIDE	\$1.00
THE MONARCH	1.00
MAID OF THE MIST	1.00
THE MERMAID .....	.50
PURITY .....	.50

Four dollars worth at \$2.00

FAITH SLOCOMBE	\$2.00
MAID OF THE MIST	1.00
JERSEYS PRIDE	1.00
THE MERMAID .....	.50
PURITY .....	.50
ELIZABETH SLOCOMBE .....	.50
MRS. JOHN SCHEEPERS .....	.50

Six dollars worth at \$3.00

MAN OF WAR	\$2.00
FAITH SLOCOMBE	2.00
THE MONARCH	1.00
JERSEYS PRIDE	1.00
MAID OF THE MIST	1.00
MRS. JOHN SCHEEPERS .....	.50
PURITY .....	.50

Eight dollars worth at \$5.00

CURFEW	\$2.00
MAN OF WAR	2.00
FAITH SLOCOMBE	2.00
MRS. J. L. EMERSON	1.50
BRIDES' BOUQUET	1.00
JERSEYS PRIDE	1.00
THE MONARCH	1.00
MRS. JOHN SCHEEPERS .....	.50
PURITY .....	.50
MAID OF THE MIST	1.00
ELIZABETH SLOCOMBE .....	.50
THE MERMAID .....	.50

Over twelve dollars worth at \$10.00

DAHLIA CULTURE

DAHLIAS do best in a light, porous soil, with good drainage. They do fairly well in twenty-five per cent shade, but an open location, in full sunshine is best. Do not have the soil too rich, for too much fertilizer, too much water, or too much shade, will cause the plants to grow tall and rank, but almost barren of blooms. Heavy clay soil should be made light by adding ashes or sand. Cultivation is everything with dahlias. Never allow the top of the ground to become hard and baked. Keep it finely pulverized with hoe or rake, particularly during dry weather.

If your dahlias do not do well any year, the weather may be to blame. Do not blame the grower from whom you bought your tubers. Your soil, your failure to cultivate often enough, plus your weather, may account for ill success. Do not plant too early, the tubers may rot during a cold spell. Plant six inches deep, laying tuber flat, sprout side uppermost; cover two inches, and fill in the rest of the soil as the plant grows. This may keep tuber from rotting.

Do not plant when the soil is sticky-wet after rains. Do not let fresh fertilizer touch the tuber. Use two cupfuls of bone meal to a plant, and if you add any barnyard manure be sure the manure is old, well-rotted, and mixed thoroughly in the soil. Rye sowed in the fall and turned under in the spring adds humus to the soil and is most beneficial. We have success from plowing manure into the ground in the fall where it can decay all winter.

A small tuber is as good, often better, than a big one. Dahlias may be planted from the first of May to the first of July. June first is about right. The dahlia is an autumn flower and blooms best when the heat of August has passed away.

Wood ashes scratched into the top soil (not over two inches, lest the roots of the tuber be injured) when the flower buds show, will increase brilliancy of color of blooms and improve the tubers, for all root crops require potash. (Flower buds usually appear in threes; pinch off two, leaving the largest one, and thereby obtain much finer blooms).

Nitrogen stimulates the growth above ground, producing large bushes and flowers, but if used to excess the flowers will be soft, wilting readily, and the bushes will be over-grown, and lower the vitality of the tubers.

Phosphoric acid increases the root development, especially the lateral and fibrous roots, strengthens the plant growth and gives substance to the bush and flowers. It also aids in ripening the tubers. This element is found in bone meal, with a small amount available in manures.

Potash is the balancing agent for nitrogen and phosphoric acid. It gives color to the flowers and foliage, and vigor and tone to the plant in general. It is an essential in starch formation and aids in the maturing of well-nourished tubers.

After the frost kills the plants, dig carefully lest the necks of the tubers are broken; dry half a day in the sun and air, and pack closely, stems downward, in paper-lined barrels and boxes, covering top carefully with paper, and then with old rugs, or bags. The clumps of tubers must not dry out during the winter, or the buds will be injured, very probably killed.

When you receive tubers from us, unpack immediately, check up to verify order, and keep them in moist but not wet earth or sand until they are planted.



"MAID OF THE MIST"

*Life Member of American Dahlia Society
Honorary Member of New Haven Horticultural Society
Honorary Member of New Haven Garden Club
Member of American Gladiolus Society*



THE SLOCOMBE GREEN HOUSES